

Signs Suggestive of Animal Neglect, Abuse or Cruelty



- ✓ **Lack of food or water:**
Animal is underweight or has no water available.
- ✓ **Lack of shelter:**
Animal is contained in an area exposed to inclement weather.
- ✓ **Severe matting or filth:**
Ungroomed, stinky, greasy or filthy coat.
- ✓ **Poor body condition:**
Underweight, open sores, hair loss, tick or flea infested
- ✓ **Lack of veterinary care for illness or injury:**
Limping, broken limb, congested eyes & ears.
- ✓ **Lack of sanitation:**
Feces and/or debris covered living area.
- ✓ **Abandonment:**
Animal left in house or yard.
- ✓ **Chains:**
Or padlocks around the neck, especially if grown into the neck. (includes regular collars)



- ✓ **Tied or caged:**
With little room to move. Unable to stand or turn.
- ✓ **Burns:**
Chemical or heat.
- ✓ **Trauma:**
Shooting, stabbing, strangling, beating.
- ✓ **Multiple wounds or fractures:**
In various stages of healing.
- ✓ **Poisoning/Drugs**
- ✓ **Mutilation:**
Including ear cropping, tail docking and neutering at home.
- ✓ **Evidence of fighting:**
Especially Pit Bull Terriers. Including training implements, treadmills, spring poles, etc.
- ✓ **Behavior:**
Severely handsy, cowering, hiding, fear-biting.



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